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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIAS PROPOSAL FOR NEW LATIN ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATION.

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1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBSECRETARY GONZALEZ SOSA, SPEAKING BEFORE A GROUP OF ECONOMISTS AUGUST 21, CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF AN ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS "OUTSIDE OF THE OAS IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER TO A MORE JUST ONE." HE NOTED THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE DESPITE LATIN AMERICAN DIFFERENCES AND SUCH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD HAVE AND MAKE QUALITATIVE CRITERIA FOR ADDRESSING SUCH PROBLEMS AS LATIN INTEGRATION, INFLATION, THE POPULATION EXPLOSION, AND FOOD SHORTAGES WHICH AFFECT THESE NATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE PRESS ACCOUNT DOES NOT INDICATE HE REFERRED TO ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSAL IN LIMA, IT IS CLEAR FROM THE CONTENT THAT THIS IS THE SAME PROPOSAL.

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2. SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON FOR DIPLOMATS AUGUST 22, FONSEC RABASA NOTED THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S RECENT INITIATIVE CALLING FOR A NEW LATIN FORUM WOULD BE NECESSARILY LIMITED TO THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SPHERES BECAUSE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES PRECLUDE LATIN COOPERATION IN THIS AREA (SEE SEPTTEL FOR SUMMARY OF RABASA REMARKS).

3. COMMENT: THE VAGUENESS OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS TO DATE ON THE SUBJECT INDICATE THAT GOM THINKING ON THE SUBJECT IS STILL IN A FORMATIVE STAGE. THEY HAVE OBVIOUSLY ONLY BEGUN TO GRAPPLE WITH SUCH FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS AS: WHAT ROLE SHOULD A NEW ORGANIZATION HAVE? WHAT TYPE OF STRUCTURE SHOULD IT HAVE? IS THE CREATION OF A NEW ENTITY NECESSARY OR COULD AN EXISTING BODY BE MODIFIED? LACK OF PREVIOUS THOUGHT AND PLANNING NOTWITHSTANDING, IT APPEARS THE GOM IS PREPARING FOR A TENACIOUS EFFORT ON BEHALF OF ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSAL.
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